

Chief Administrator of Alma High School, in Alma, Michigan, Richard has promoted and maintained a solid system of education for eight-hundred students and eighty faculty over the past six years. Prior to his position at Alma High School, Mr. Chambers fulfilled several roles as principal, educator, and business associate for many great institutions throughout Michigan. Certainly, his participation with groups such as the local rotary club, the Michigan Department of Education Review Committee, the North Central Association evaluation team, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, demonstrate the strong and influential leader Mr. Chambers is within his community. With a successful career beginning in 1964—when he started as a high school teacher and interim principal—Richard has enriched the lives of thousands of students.

Based in a small town of roughly ten-thousand citizens, Alma High School has been selected a Class B, Michigan Exemplary School. Of the eight-hundred students who attend classes at Alma High School, 75 percent are expected to continue their education at some level of a post-secondary institution. This multitude of success is a direct result of Dick's interaction with his students and faculty. Today's society invests incredible merit in school to work programming and the broad curriculum offered at Alma High produces great incentive for post-secondary education.

Much of the success of today's public school system depends on strong leadership from both teachers and the administration. The honor of "Principal of the Year" establishes a sense of security for the community to know such a special person is leading their school. This is the type of leader every school district needs. Alma High School is blessed to have the strength of Richard Chambers as their Principal. I know the parents, students and faculty associated with Alma High School, join me in recognizing Mr. Richard Chambers for his outstanding accomplishment.

THE BAHÁ'IS IN IRAN

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply concerned about recent reports that the government of Iran has executed a member of the Baha'i faith, and imprisoned and condemned others to death solely because of their religious beliefs. In addition, reports suggest that Iranian officials arrested 32 Baha'i teachers in a crackdown against those of the Baha'i faith.

The recent execution of Mr. Ruhollah Rowhani for proselytism is the first execution of a Baha'i in six years and, unfortunately, it was accompanied by the death sentence of other Baha'is. Just last week, two of these sentenced men had their death sentence confirmed. Mr. Sirus Zabih-Moghaddam and Mr. Hedayat Kashefi Najafabadu were arrested in the fall of 1997 for holding meetings for religious "family life." Reports reveal that after no legal representation at secret trials at the beginning of 1998, the two men were sentenced to death. Unfortunately, there are other Baha'is in similar situations.

Mr. Speaker, the government of Iran must be held accountable for violating the fun-

damental human right of religious liberty for the Baha'i and other religious minority believers in Iran. If the leadership of Iran desires to play a role in the international community, they must uphold religious liberty and all fundamental human rights for all people.

I, and other Members of Congress, Senators and the American people will be watching closely to see whether or not the Iranian government protects the rights of its people, or continues to blatantly violate international human rights norms.

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE FRANK PIOMBO

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today before the House to celebrate the life of a most distinguished citizen and incomparable friend, retired Superior Court Judge Frank Piombo, who passed away peacefully at his home in Redwood City, California, on September 21, 1998. A Memorial Mass was held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Judge Piombo's parish on September 25th.

Born and reared in San Francisco, Frank Piombo was a resident of Redwood City for 51 years, making the Bay Area his lifelong home. For this decision we, the residents of San Mateo County, are very grateful because we shall forever remember the contributions he made both to our community and our country.

To his country, Frank gave years of dedicated and courageous service. During World War II, he served in the 100th U.S. Infantry, earning a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. After the War, he continued to serve in the Army Reserves, achieving the rank of Colonel.

A distinguished graduate of the California educational system, Judge Piombo did undergraduate work at Stanford and the University of California at Berkeley, graduating from U.C.'s Hastings College of the Law in 1949.

To his community, Frank Piombo devoted himself to a career in public service. He was a Deputy District Attorney for San Mateo County, as well as City Attorney for the City of Millbrae. In 1971, he was appointed a Municipal Court Judge, and later that year Governor Ronald Reagan elevated Frank Piombo to the Superior Court.

His devotion to the community extended beyond his judicial duties. He was active in the Elks, the Eagles, and the Sons of Italy. He was known for contriving some of the best practical jokes on scores of people and these stories are now legendary. His love of card games was a well established fact, and he was known to show up at a moment's notice for a game.

Nothing in the world meant more to Frank Piombo than his family. He was married for 47 years to the love of his life, Lydia, and they were blessed with five children: Lee, Robert, Nancy, Susan and Jan, as well as ten magnificent grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Frank Piombo's life was a beautiful combination—his deep pride in his Italian-American heritage, his patriotism rooted in the Constitution and the law, his great faith which gave him guidance and unswerving belief in the beatitudes, and love of the family

which was unparalleled. His gift to me was our friendship and I shall treasure this all my life. I ask that the entire House honor this good and faithful citizen because of how he lived and who he was. Frank Piombo was the best of America.

A 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE TO IRENE AND AL DALPIAZ

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, my colleague Mr. NEY and I would like to bring to your attention today the 50th wedding anniversary of our dear friends, Irene and Al Dalpiaz of Dover, Ohio. Al and Irene will mark the occasion during a special celebration with their children and grand-children next weekend in Medeira Beach, Florida.

Irene Sikora and Albert Dalpiaz were married on October 2, 1948 at St. Mary's Church in Dennison, Ohio. From their first meeting at a dance, Al and Irene knew they shared a special bond. Irene was the oldest of eight daughters and, in the early days of their courtship, usually had a difficult time getting rid of her sisters when Al would come calling. From the beginning, they were a handsome couple. Unfortunately, the wedding photographer forgot about their wedding and only showed up at the end of their ceremony. Ironically, Al and Irene spent their honeymoon in Washington D.C.

Al and Irene's first son, Larry, was born in 1954. Seven years later, the family moved to Dover, Ohio and their favorite (and only) daughter, Elaine, was born. Kevin was born four years later. Al was the co-owner of Tusco Service where he was a genius installing and repairing air conditioning and refrigeration units. In those days, especially, that was a bonus; their home was the first on the street to have central air conditioning. Al left Tusco in the 1970's and worked at Cummins Diesel until his retirement in the late 1980's. After a stint of being a full-time mom, Irene returned to work as a secretary at Dover Public Schools in the late 1970's.

The Dalpiaz family was, and remains, a very tight-knit family. Family summer vacations to the Smokey Mountains, Daytona Beach and Myrtle Beach were very common. Like most Italian families, "la familia Dalpiaz" was tremendously dedicated to those things in their life that meant the most to them—spending time with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins as well as their commitment to work, school, the needy, and the Catholic Church. That commitment is extraordinarily special today as it relates to their grandchildren, Anthony and Gabriel. For many years, Al and Irene have also looked out for those less fortunate and to this day provide the most needy in Tuscarawas County with food and clothing. In short, they have made a special commitment to showering their family and those around them with love.

While Al and Irene are officially retired, one would not know it from watching them. Like

many people half their age, these two are always on the go. In recent years, they have traveled to Hawaii, England, Scotland, Florida, and their favorite destination, Las Vegas. In all of our days, we have rarely seen a Catholic woman like Irene with such a serious affliction for gambling on the nickel slot machines! Al tells his friends that the reason he and Irene enjoy their travel so much is because they are casually spending their kids' inheritance. Al, himself, has a tremendous reputation and has made local headlines for his marvelous garden where he produces garlic, parsley, lettuce, beans, and enough tomatoes to feed the entire state. In fact, Al has shared seeds with us both and his reputation continues to grow. He also enjoys spending time at the local Elks Lodge and VFW Hall in Dover.

Mr. Speaker, we ask that you join us and our colleagues in recognizing the 50th anniversary of these two very special people. Al and Irene Dalpiaz are among the kindest people we know and it is only fitting that the House of Representatives pay tribute to them today.

AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER SUFFICIENT GROUNDS EXIST FOR THE IMPEACHMENT OF WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 1998

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the historic vote to launch an impeachment inquiry I have joined with the overwhelming majority of Democrats to vote for an alternative compromise. This action has allowed us to avoid destructive fragmentation and continue our united leadership of the majority of Americans. At the end of this statement I will attach my original position on this matter which remains as my present position. We are dealing with sins, not high crimes and misdemeanors. Government should not invade the jurisdiction of religion and the clergy.

Leadership for a difficult and thorny national situation is the challenge faced by minority Democrats who can do nothing to completely halt the abuses of the Republican majority. Despite the Democratic alternative, an impeachment process that is highly partisan and vicious will go forward. But now the Republicans can never say that they have bi-partisan support. Joining with fellow Democrats I voted for an alternative compromise in order to continue the process of cementing our position with that of the majority of Americans. I wanted to personally just say no; to drop the impeachment inquiry. Reluctantly I left the highest ground; however, the Democratic compromise call for time limits and scope limits on the Judiciary Committee process still represents high ground. On October 8th the record will show that Democrats sacrificed some credibility in order to contribute to a resolution of this damaging political crisis. Every reasonable American citizen should feel comfortable with our position of reconciliation. We could have just said no. But our leadership

guidance message was: "limit the scope and limit the time." The vital business of the country is waiting.

PREVIOUS STATEMENT RELEASED ON
SEPTEMBER 8, 1998

As a member of Congress I am sorry that there is an escalating hysteria that may lead to the religious lynching of a great president. President Clinton has gone further than he should have been asked to go in offering a public statement about his intimate personal life. In view of the fact that absolutely on one has charged that a national security issue is involved in this matter, all further government inquiries should be dropped. The nation has in no way been placed at risk. Certainly nothing took place which touched on bribery, treason, or high crimes and misdemeanors. For those who continue to expand their detailed probe and to pass judgement through the prism of their hypocritical Victorian values, we concede their right to wallow in their "Peyton Place" preoccupations. There is, however, a profound difference between crimes and sins. It is of utmost importance that we acknowledge and support the spirit of our Constitution which discourages the state from investigating private morality and affirms the right of every American, even the President, to separately negotiate his sins with his God.

MARTIN ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL EARNS HONOR

HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend my congratulations to the Martin Army Community Hospital at Fort Benning, Georgia on the announcement of its third "Accreditation with Commendation" by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, an honor bestowed upon only the finest hospitals in the nation. It is also the only hospital in the U.S. Army Medical Command to receive this acknowledgment for three consecutive tri-annual surveys.

Martin Army Community Hospital (MACH) was named in honor of Major General Joseph I. Martin, MC, a pioneer in field medicine and medical military education and training. The hospital has served the Fort Benning/Columbus communities since 1955 and provides quality care to approximately 9,000 inpatients and 585,000 outpatients. MACH's principal customers are active duty and retired members and their dependents who are eligible beneficiaries for DOD health services.

Receiving "Accreditation with Commendation" is a significant achievement, one that recognizes exemplary performance and commitment to providing quality care. Fort Benning is fortunate to have as incredible a facility as MACH serving its community. I congratulate Martin Army Community Hospital on its continued excellence.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK RIGGS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House of Representatives on Monday, Oc-

tober 5, 1998 and Tuesday, October 6, 1998 and consequently missed several votes. Had I been present, the following is how I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 480: Yea.
Rollcall No. 481: Nay.
Rollcall No. 482: Yea.
Rollcall No. 483: Yea.
Rollcall No. 484: Yea.

THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION FOR THE PITTSFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN PITTSFORD, NY

HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay special tribute to the legacy of the Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department in Pittsford, NY. The fire department will celebrate its 100th year of service on November 29, 1998.

The Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1898, after a series of tragic fires. The Village responded by installing a water works and passing a resolution authorizing the formation of a volunteer fire brigade to respond to fires and other emergencies. The fire department, which was established with approximately 50 men, started as two independent hose companies, known as the "Pittsford Village Active Hose Co. No. 1" and "Iroquois Hose Co. No. 2."

Until the first fire hall was built in 1907 on a lot purchased by the Village, the volunteers stored their equipment in a number of village locations including the Methodist Church. Prior to the fire hall, all Department business was conducted in the Cole Building, on the southwest corner of Main Street and Monroe Avenue at the four corners in the Village.

With a proud tradition of voluntarism, the Fire Department has thrived and grown over the years. Using donations and moneys received from the Village, the Fire Department has been able to update its equipment, utilize new methods in fire prevention and control, and most recently establish a new fire hall in 1987. However, the cornerstone of the Department's success has been the dependability and generosity of its volunteers.

I take great pride in knowing that a volunteer fire department of Pittsford's high caliber protects families and businesses in my home district. I send my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department for all its contributions throughout the past century.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues pause to join with me and many others in congratulating the Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department of Pittsford, NY on 100 years of service to humanity.

CELEBRATING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the Republic of China's National Day,